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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Further to the Amendment mailed on January 22, 2002 and to the phone interview between the Examiner and the Applicant's representative on October 21, 2002, the Applicants submit the following to remove any confusion the Examiner may have with regard to the claimed sequences. Submitted with this Response is journal reference by Deutscher *et al.* (*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, Vol. 85, pp. 9479-9483; 1988), a journal reference by Ben-Chetrit *et al.* (*Jour. of Clin. Invest.*, Vol. 83, No. 4, pp.1284-1292; 1989), and an NCBI sequence listing for the Ro/SS-A complex identifying the Ro/SSA amino acid sequence as disclosed in each of Ben-Chetrit *et al.* (in part) and Deutscher *et al.*